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Ottawa, March 7,1918.

Sir Robert Falconer,K.C.M.G.,
President of the Univ. of Toronto,
Toronto.

Dear Sir:

A Committee of representative university men has been formed in Ottawa for the purpose of securing financial assistance for the widow and family of the late Dr.William Wilfrid Campbell. It may not be known to you that the poet left practically no estate, and that those who were near and dear to him now find themselves in straitened circumstances.

The late Dr.Campbell was not only an unfaltering advocate throughout his life of the finest ideals of Canadian patriotism, but, both by precept and example, he taught his countrymen the high duty of loyalty to the home land and reverence for British institutions which are the guarantee of our liberties. Beside all this, Dr.Campbell's place as a native poet of distinction deserves a concerted effort being made to place his family beyond want.

By the enclosed copy of a letter from the President of the Royal Society to the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, a copy of which I am permitted to enclose, you will see that action has been already taken by the Royal Society to have the Dominion Government grant

an annuity to the widow. This Committee feels that the action of the Royal Society would be greatly aided by memorials being forwarded to the Dominion Government by the heads of Canadian Universities. We have, therefore, taken the liberty of appealing to you in this matter; and we would ask your kind and prompt intervention as suggested, seeing that the Parliamentary Estimates for the new fiscal year are now in course of preparation.

We are, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

Charles Morse,
W. J. Sykes,
Hon. Secretaries.

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Ottawa, January 16,1918.

Sir -

At a special meeting of the Council of The Royal Society of Canada on January 15th, it was unanimously resolved that the Council would recommend to the Government the propriety of granting an annuity to the widow of the late Dr. William Wilfrid Campbell. Dr,Campbell's position as one of our foremost literary men was widely recognized. His work is animated by the highest ideals, and has thus been of great value to our nation. Dr,Campbell had come to be recognized, not only in Canada but in Great Britain and the overseas Dominions, as the mouth-piece of Canadian ideals of empire, and loyalty to the British crown and institutions. Since the outbreak of war in 1914 his pen was ever ready to support the cause of the Allies and our own participation in the war.

Dr.Campbell has left his family in straitened circumstances, and taking all the facts into consideration Council has decided to make this representation to the Government. The case is an exceptional one and we would most cordially recommend it for favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Sgd. W.D.Lighthall,

President.

Rt.Hon.Sir Robert L.Borden,P.C., G.C.M.G.,

Prime Minister of Canada,

Ottawa.

March 8th, 1918

Messrs Charles Morse and W. J. Sykes,

Ottawa, Ont.

Gentlemen:

I have had much pleasure in sending a letter to the Honourable the Premier of the Dominion in support of the memorial for a pension to the widow of the late Dr. Campbell and urging him to give the memorial his most favourable consideration . I hope that there will be some results from it.

Yours sincerely,

President.